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Fire Department stresses Christmas safety issues

Laden with glimmering lights and tinsel, a Christmas tree inspires holiday cheer. It also can be the start of a holiday nightmare.

A fire in a Christmas tree burns intensely. It can burn so fast it's like an explosion, and it can fill a room with fire almost instantly. It's a hot and fast moving fire.

Children playing with matches or candles near a tree is the usual cause of ignition.

The National Fire Protection Association reports that during the years 1982-86, 554 residential fires nationwide were caused by ignition of Christmas trees, resulting in 12 deaths, 67 injuries, and \$10.3 million in residential property damage. Ignition can come from any heat source, but most often from children playing with matches or candles near a tree. Decorative tree lights are another culprit. Trees are so tender and dry at times, even a spark from a frayed light cord can ignite them.

Guidelines

Follow these guidelines to keep your holiday safe.

- Choose a fresh tree. Test by bouncing the trunk on the ground two or three times; only a few needles should fall. The branches should bend easily and not break.

- Have the tree treated with flame-retardant solution. Sprays are available, but they don't make the tree fireproof.

- Before putting your tree up, clean the tree stand with water and bleach solution. This will prevent the growth of organisms that can plug the tree's natural water intake.

- Cut off the first inch or two from the tree's base and place it in water. It helps to keep the tree as wet as possible. If you can, put your tree in a deep stand, and refill it every day.

- Place the tree away from any heat source

that might ignite it. These include fireplaces, heat registers, space heaters and even televisions. Try to put the tree close to an outlet so you won't need extension cords. Extension cords can be your worst nightmare.

- Limit the time the tree is up. A couple of weeks before Christmas is plenty.

- Use only Underwriters Laboratories-endorsed lights to reduce drying effects. Don't connect more than 200 midget lights together on string or cord. Inspect for signs of wear. Lay the lights on a fireproof surface and leave them on for 15 minutes. Replace any that show signs of overheating, such as smoking or melting.

- Always unplug the lights before going to bed or leaving the house. A short circuit can cause a fire.

- If you buy an artificial tree, look for the fire safety label. Buy only a tree that is labeled as fire resistant. Never use lights on a metal tree.

- Remember to keep candles, matches and lighters out of the reach of children.



A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the re-opening of the renovated Bachelor Enlisted Quarters Nov. 17. Capt. John C. Cook Jr., (above) director of military operations, was a speaker. (USN photo by JOSN Davis Bowden)

Officer auction raises money for Christmas

The Enlisted Recreation Committee raised money for Christmas at the officer/chief-prepared breakfast at the galley Nov. 20.

The Rec Committee thought an officer auction would be a good way to raise some fast cash.

"We raised \$111, including \$6 in tips," said Ens. Tracey Emswiler, the number one vote-getter. "One chief didn't know how to make an omelet, but he does now."

Cmdr. Patrick Sheedy tied with Emswiler for most votes received. "I signed up for the auction, but the breakfast came a little quicker than I thought," said Sheedy. "I got a call Friday evening to report to the galley at 6:45 a.m. Monday to cook. We asked for help when we got an order for eggs sunny-side up, hold the yolk."

Petty Officers Joe Manley and Charles Burton also contributed to the auction.

Handling the pigeon problem?



Student committee makes a difference

NPS students with suggestions or recommendations to improve the quality of campus life should tell the Officer Student Advisory Council.

The student council's 43 representatives are concerned about the quality of life for NPS students and their families. Their discussions cover many issues, each treated with equal concern.

Students from each curriculum are represented on the council, which meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

OSAC members participate in other council and committee meetings at NPS to speak for students. During the past year, OSAC has tried to resolve many questions, including campus appearance, active duty

and dependent medical concerns, academic concerns and Navy Exchange matters.

The council devotes much of its time to "matters concerning housing and public works quality-of-life issues," said Lt. Jim Naber, OSAC Public Works Department/Housing representative. "My tenure on OSAC let me get involved."

Lt. Joel Swanson, OSAC vice-chairman, said, "We have able representatives and an administration interested in our contribution to the school. That makes OSAC a vital organization."

Students can forward ideas to their curriculum representative or put them in the OSAC suggestion box in the Student Mail Center in the basement of Herrmann Hall.

Navy exchange 'Giving Tree' helps the needy, boosts morale

For this upcoming holiday season, the Navy Exchange will again sponsor a "Giving Tree" program. The program will run from Wednesday, Dec. 6, to Wednesday, Dec. 20, and will benefit the Monterey Peninsula Outreach program.

The "Giving Tree" is an easy, convenient way for NPS military personnel to make cash or gift contributions to the peninsula's needy and homeless.

La Mesa Elementary School children will make paper ornaments for a Christmas tree to be placed under the portico of the Navy Exchange main store. Half of these ornaments will indicate a particular gift item to be given to a man, woman or child. The remaining ornaments will designate a cash donation to cover a "bednight" at the Peninsula Outreach shelter.

Homeless

Located in Seaside, Peninsula Outreach provides support services to homeless and destitute people on the Monterey Peninsula area. Outreach provides hot meals, clothing and shelter on a daily basis. The items most needed for daily maintenance are furniture and linens, non-perishable food, kitchen equipment, and cash donations.

A tree-lighting ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. Dec. 6. For two weeks following the ceremony, NEX patrons will be asked to select an ornament and purchase the gift indicated. As these ornaments are removed, they will be logged in a Giving Tree ledger and replaced by new, heart-shaped ornaments with the donor's name. All gifts will be opened on Christmas Day at the Peninsula Outreach shelter.

"The Giving Tree won't solve all the problems, but it will certainly help the needy," said Lt. Rick Hausvik, Navy Exchange Officer.

Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts and take donations. To volunteer, or for more information, call Lt. Rick Hausvik's office at ext. 2576.

NEX holiday hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

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for your information

Union meeting

There will be a National Federation of Federal Employees Local 1690 union meeting at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the NPS Enlisted Club.

If you have any questions about this meeting, call Alvin Lau at ext. 2164 or Lynn Boyle at ext. 2470.

Giving wagon food drive

The second annual Giving Wagon food drive, sponsored by the Officer Students' Wives Club, will be conducted between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday, Dec. 9.

Volunteers will be bringing their wagons door-to-door through La Mesa to collect canned and dry foods, baby items and personal hygiene products. For La Mesa Village residents who won't be home on Dec. 9, donation boxes will be placed outside the convenience store and the housing office from Dec. 4 to Dec. 9.

All donations will be divided between Monterey Peninsula Outreach and the San Pablo Mission. Besides canned foods, the shelters need non-perishable foods that do not require cooking. Rice and personal hygiene items are especially needed. If you

would like to make a monetary gift, make checks payable to the OSWC and include Student Mail Center box numbers so the Holiday Charity Committee can mail receipts.

Giving wagon volunteers will meet in front of La Mesa School at 9:30 a.m. for a brief orientation and coffee and donuts. Anyone who would like to give a few hours to collect donations or lend a wagon for the morning is asked to call Pam Wawrzeniak at 373-7346 or Susan Romanelli at 372-7918.

International dinner dance

The quarterly NPS International Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom.

Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. in the Quarterdeck Lounge. A ceremony will be held to honor graduates before dinner.

Tickets are free for international graduates and their spouses, and either \$3 or \$8 for others. Call ext. 2186 for information.

Vaccinations

Annual influenza vaccinations will be given to all NPS staff and students today from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom in Hermann Hall.

Blood drive

The Armed Forces Bloodbank Center will hold its final blood drive of the year at NPS on Dec. 5 in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom.

All NPS military and civilian personnel may give blood between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Blood donated during this drive goes to military medical facilities serving Central California armed services, including Oakland Naval Hospital and Fort Ord.

For more information, call Lt. Michelle Leslie at ext. 2069.

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It's 'open season' for Thrift Savings

We are now in the Thrift Savings Plan Open Season. Jan. 13, 1990 is the effective date for all election forms received in November and December. Employees should submit forms early to allow time to process them before the January 13, 1990 pay period.

The TSP election forms (TSP-1) are available inside the door of the Civilian Personnel Office (CPO). All questions concerning the Thrift Savings Plan should be directed to Marion Myers at ext. 3277.

The CPO has been informed that individual statements will not be mailed until late November. Employees who have not received their statements by mid-December should inform Mrs. Myers at ext. 3277.

Bernice Morgan, an account manager

from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, has confirmed that the Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula has signed a contract to be a covered hospital for 1990. Any questions concerning this coverage should be directed to Valerie Peterson or Steven Buechele at ext. 2003.

Vacancy announcements: To consider those which were previously opened, consult the vacancy announcements posted in your department or contact the CPO at ext. 2001. There are also announcements that are open only for a short period of time and therefore are not listed in *the Quarterdeck*. The new vacancy announcements this week are:

Metallurgist, GS-09; Personnel Assistant, GS-05/06/07; Supply Clerk, GS-04/05; and Computer Specialist, GS-07/09/11.

Campus Calendar

DECEMBER

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1st - 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. - CPO BARRACKS PARKING LOT - ENLISTED REC COMMITTEE CAR WASH

1st - 8 A.M. TO 2 P.M. - BARBARA MCNITT BALLROOM - ANNUAL INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS

5th - 7:30 A.M. - 4 P.M. MCNITT BALLROOM - NPS BLOOD DRIVE

6th - 4 P.M. - NAVY EXCHANGE MAIN STORE - TREE LIGHTING FOR GIVING TREE (POC: LT. HAUSVIK, EXT. 2576)

6th - 4:30 P.M. - NPS ENLISTED CLUB UNION MEETING - (POC: ALVIN LAU, EXT. 2164, OR LYNN BOYLE, EXT. 3470)

9th - 10 A.M. TO NOON - LA MESA HOUSING - GIVING WAGON FOOD DRIVE - (POC: PAM WAWRZENIAK, 373-7346, OR SUSAN ROMANELLI, 372-7918)

9th - 6 P.M. MCNITT BALLROOM - INTERNATIONAL FAREWELL DINNER DANCE (POC: INTL OFC, X2186)

12th - 3:15 P.M. - ROOT 202 - OFFICER STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (POC: LT. CMDR. JIM KEAR, X2536)

sports beat

Mood Adapters take NPS volleyball title

The "A" league volleyball season pitted the Mood Adapters against NEPRF Tuna and Predators against Crushers in the final four. Mood Adapters won 15-0, 15-4 while Predators spiked Crushers 15-10, 14-16, 15-8. Mood Adapters then went on to beat Predators in the championship 15-12, 15-11 and ended the volleyball season.

Ross Holcomb of Mood Adapters was named the MVP for the playoffs and the championship matches.

Basketball

In Over-30 Basketball, the final four came down to Thunder & Lightning shooting down Gunners 61-52, and Terminators nipping Aerocats 39-37. The championship game between Thunder & Lightning and Terminators was paced by the scoring attack of Thunder & Lightning's Tom Klepper with 20 points to lead them to a 70-60 victory.

Klepper's teammate, Paul Whittman scored 16 points, while Scott Bethman and Dave Barile scored 23 and 12 respectively in a losing effort for the Terminators.

Basketball teams are now being formed for the winter season, so sign your team up soon. Team rosters are available at the gym and the deadline for teams is Dec. 15.

Teams can be comprised of various sections, divisions, departments or other groups at NPS and tenant commands. DOD and military spouses must have an athletic membership card before rosters are accepted.

Players will be allowed to play on only one team. For more information call Sue at ext. 3118 or Milton at ext. 2497.

Socko

Playoffs are now underway in Fun

League Socko with the following scores being recorded:

Who Cares	14
Catfish	8

Scrub Jays won by forfeit

Team Tweeb	14
Orbital Element	13

Gunners	10
Random Noise	3

Co-Ed Playoffs

Bombers	16
We-Bee's	10

DMDC	8
MPTA	1

Racquetball

A racquetball tournament will be held Dec. 8-10 at the Price Physical Fitness Center at the Presidio of Monterey.

The tournament is open to all military (active duty, retired and dependents) and DOD sponsored civilians. The fee is \$25 for the first event and \$10 for the second until the Dec. 4 deadline.

Checks should be payable to the Fort Ord Racquetball Club and sent to Randy Junkman, 201 Glenwood Circle #23C, Monterey, CA 93940.

Time schedules for all matches will be available after 5 p.m. on Dec. 7 by calling 647-5641 as well as being posted at the Fort Ord physical fitness center and the Price Physical Fitness Center. For more information call Randy Junkman or Bob Higgins at 647-5047.

classifieds

For Sale

ONE WAY FLIGHT from Pittsburgh to Monterey, departs Jan. 4 at 10:05 a.m. arrives Monterey 2:33 p.m., \$125/ticket (2 tickets available). Call 655-3366.

FREE TO GOOD HOME, 2 year old housebroken female malamute about 65 lbs. Call Isis at 2466 or 899-1958.

FULL SIZE SOFA-SLEEPER, 2 years old, earth/neutral colors, \$350 OBO.

BEIGE COUCH, excellent condition, \$75 or best offer. Call Liz at 649-8205.

SUZUKI SCOOTER, 1986 used six months then in storage, \$395. Like new childrens armoire, best offer, plus misc childrens items. Call 375-4551.

ZENITH Z-130 XT Clone computer. Portable 640K, 8MHz; two 360K Poppy drive; serial parallel w/one extra slot. \$450 firm. Call EWC Cornell at ext. 2422.

MICROSOFT QUICK C. Version 2.0 IBM. Plus, "Using Quick C," second edition, and "Advanced Quick C." \$55. Call 375-1336.

APPLE II plus computer system, in great shape, includes monitor, two disc drives, memory card, CPM card, lots of software and manuals, \$350. Call 373-1689

For Rent

NEED TEMPORARY HOUSING while D.C. househunting? Rent 2 bdrm. 2 1/2 bath townhome with large kitchen and fireplace. Available Dec. 15 - April 15, 5 miles from Pentagon. Unfurnished, short-term occupancy only \$600/month. Call 373-7500.

Movies

Normal showtime is 7 p.m. Charge is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. For more information about the movie schedule call 242-5566.

Barker Theater

Friday, Dec. 1 - When Harry Met Sally (R)
Saturday, Dec. 2 - Sea Of Love (R)
Sunday, Dec. 3 - Sea Of Love (R)

Presidio of Monterey

Friday, Dec. 1 - A Weekend at Bernie's (PG-13)
Saturday, Dec. 2 - Night Games (R)
Sunday, Dec. 3 - When Harry Met Sally (R)

Hanson Theater

Friday, Dec. 1 - Cookee (R)
Saturday, Dec. 2 - Black Rain (R)
Sunday, Dec. 3 - Black Rain (R)